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#### **PATENT**

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### In re Application of:

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# REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 TO OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 17, 2009

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

# **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Office Action dated March 17, 2009 in the above application wherein claims 85-96 are finally rejected. It is respectfully submitted, for the reasons discussed herein, that the final rejection of at least claims 87 and 89-94 is improper, and thus, the finality of the rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

A petition and appropriate fee to extend the period of reply by two months are concurrently filed herewith.

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#### **AMENDMENT**

Please amend the pending application in accordance with the following particulars.

## In the Specification

An amendment to the specification is shown in the following pages under the heading AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION.

### In the Drawings

REPLACEMENT SHEETS for changes made to the drawing figures of pages 1 and 2 are submitted herewith.

# In the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application and is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.